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SUBJECT: SENHOR OPENS OCAM SUMMIT WITH CALL FOR DISCUSSION

" NEW TASKS" NEXT YEAR -- OCAMTEL VII

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1. SUMMARY: SENGHOR OPENED OCAM SUMMIT WITH RINGING PLEA FOR " EURO- AFRICAN ASSOCIATION", INCLUDING FREE TRADE AREA AND REVERSE PREFERENCES, BUT ALSO LAUDED COMMISSION PROPOSAL AFRICAN ASSOCIATES BE PERMITTED EXTEND SUCH PREFERENCES TO THIRD COUNTRIES. HE CALLED FOR CLOSE EXAMINATION FUTURE OCAM ROLE BY 1974 OCAM SUMMIT. PORT LOUIS SESSION NOW SCHEDULED AND LATE MAY 5, MORE WITH WHIMPER THAN BANG. END SUMMARY

2. OCAM SUMMIT OPENED PORT LOUIS LATE MAY 3 WITH CUSTOMARY SPEECHES WELCOME, READING OF MESSAGES FROM ABSENT CHIEFS STATE UPPER VOLTA, TOGO AND DAHOMEY; PRESIDENT NIXON (STATE 082432); AND " MILITANT MOVEMENT FOR LIBERATION OF ANGOLA". SENGHCE BETWEEN STEVENS AND MUSTAPHA WHICH WOULD FACILITATE ACCOMMODATION. IN SHORT, A MUSTAPHA VICTORY WOULD NOT PRESENT AN INSURMOUNTABLE BARRIER TO STEVENS IN ACHIEVING A DE FACTO ONE- PARTY STATE. IN BO CONSTITUENCY, LITTLE KNOWN INDEPENDENT P. MATTIA FACES APC CANDIDATE F. S. MACAULEY. MATTIA IS NOT KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY BUT IS PROBABLY A MEMBER OF MUSTAPHA' S WING OF THE SLPP.

4. THE THREE FREETOWN RACES SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15 POSE LITTLE THREAT TO THE APC AS THE STRONGEST CANDIDATES IT EACH CONSTITUENCY ARE APC AND APC/ INDEPENDENT. THEY ARE INTERESTING NONETHELESS AS THEY PIT APC WOMEN' S LEADER NANCY STEELE AGAINST THE BLAND AND INEFFECTUAL MINISTER OF HOUSING AND COUNTRY PLANNING N. A. P. BUCK IN FREETOWN CENTRAL I (CLINT THE GREEK PICKS NANCY), CLOSE COLLEAGUE OF NANCY' S, ESTHER COKER, AGAINST MINEXTAFF S. A. J. PRATT IN MOUNTAIN RURAL DISTRICT (TOSS- UP, ALTHOUGH

WE' RE ROOTING FOR ESTHER. " JOLLY BOY" FOR ALL HIS FAULTS HAS NOT NEGLECTED SERVICING HIS CONSTITUENTS), AND THE BRIGHT, YOUTHFUL SON OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, GOSL AMBASSADOR TO BONN, DESMOND LUKE, AGAINST A. P. COKER- DAVIES, LONGTIME APC WORKER AND STALWART IN FREETOWN WEST III. (A HARD ONE TO PREDICT. LUKE IS THE OVERWHELMING FAVORITE OF THE FREETOWN CREOLE INTELLIGENTSIA-- TROUBLE IS MOST OF THEM DON' T VOTE IN WILBERFORCE III. PARTY STALWART SLIGHTLY FAVORED OVER THE " GOLDEN- BOY").

5. THE RECENTLY PASSED " CROSS- CARPET" LEGISLATION WHICH REQUIRES AN M. P. TO RESIGN IF HE CHANGES PARTY OR AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDEPENDENT TO RESIGN IF HE AFFILIATES WITH ONE SHOULD PRESENT NO BARRIER TO STEVENS ACHIEVING A DE FACTO ONE- PARTY STATE. SHOULD MUSTAPHA BE ELECTED OR ONE OR MORE

OF THE APC/ INDEPENDENTS, THE NEWLY CONSTITUTED PARLIAMENT WILL SIMPLY REPEAL THIS LEGISLATION AS ONE OF ITS FIRST ACTS, AFTER WHICH THE " INTERLOPERS" CAN CROSS OVER.

6. COMMENTS: IT LOOKS LIKE PRESIDENT STEVENS HAS HIS LONG SOUGHT ONE- PARTY STATE WELL WITHIN HIS GRASP. THE EMBASSY SUSPECTS THAT THE BENEFITS OF THIS ACHIEVEMENT, HOWEVER, WILL PROVE TO BE ILLUSORY. IN AN ESSENTIALLY NON- IDEOLOGICAL POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT THE DIVISIONS WITHIN THE APC PROBABLY WILL PROVE TO BE AS DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE AS THOSE BETWEEN THE APC AND SLPP IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.
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